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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP ART UNIT 1636

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Dakai Liu and Elazar Rabbani

Serial No. 09/046,840

Filed: March 24, 1998

Title: **NOVEL VIRAL VECTOR AND
PACKAGING CELL LINE**

Group Art Unit: 1636

Examiner: David Guzo

527 Madison Avenue, 9th Fl.
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August 27, 2001

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Dear Sirs:

Please enter this response (Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116) to the Office Action mailed on May 26, 2000 in connection with the above-identified application. This response is accompanied by a Petition To Revive An Unintentionally Abandoned Application Under 37 C.F.R. §1.137(b) and authorization for the fee therefor. This application became unintentionally abandoned after August 26, 2000, which was the date that a response to the May 26, 2000 Office Action was originally due. A Notice of Abandonment was subsequently mailed on January 17, 2001. Because August 26, 2001 falls on a Sunday, under 37 C.F.R. §1.7, a response filed on the next business day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or Federal holiday within the District of Columbia, i.e.,

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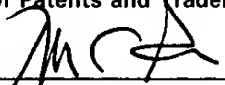
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Monday, August 27, 2001, is considered timely. Accordingly, with the expected granting of Applicants' Petition, this Amendment will be considered as having been timely filed.

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